

THE CLAIMS

1. A bulk bag comprising:

a side wall having upper and lower ends and defining a cylindrical configuration;

5 a bottom wall secured to the lower end of the side wall;

the side wall and the bottom wall defining the interior of the bulk bag;

10 a liner secured within the interior of the bulk bag as defined by the side wall and the bottom wall;

a plurality of pockets each located at spaced apart locations around the periphery of the bulk bag; and

15 a plurality of support members each received within one of the pockets and extending substantially the entire length thereof for retaining the bulk bag in an upright configuration.

2. The bulk bag according to claim 1 wherein side wall panels are formed from woven polypropylene fabric.

20 3. The bulk bag according to claim 1 wherein the liner is formed from polyethylene film.

4. The bulk bag according to claim 1 wherein the side wall panels are formed from woven polypropylene fabric and wherein the pockets are formed from long, narrow strips comprising woven polypropylene fabric.

5 5. The bulk bag according to claim 1 wherein the support members are formed from PVC pipe.

6. The bulk bag according to claim 1 wherein each of the pockets is formed by gathering the material of the side wall to form the pocket and securing the gathered material in place by sewing.

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7. The bulk bag according to claim 1 further including a frame having a plurality of legs depending therefrom which are equal in number to the number of pockets comprising the bulk bag, and wherein the bulk bag further comprises additional pockets for receiving the legs of the frame whereby the frame retains the bulk bag in an open configuration during filling.

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8. A bulk bag comprising:

a side wall having upper and lower ends defining a cylindrical configuration;

the side wall comprising a woven polypropylene fabric side wall panel;

a bottom wall secured to the lower end of the side wall;

the side wall and the bottom wall defining the interior of the bulk bag;

a liner formed from polyethylene film secured within the interior of the bulk bag as defined by the side wall and the bottom walls;

pockets located at spaced apart locations around the periphery of the bulk bag;

each of the pockets comprising a long, narrow woven polypropylene fabric strip secured to the woven polypropylene fabric comprising the side wall by sew lines;

support members each formed from PVC pipe and each received within one of the pockets defined by the side walls and extending substantially the entire length thereof for retaining the bulk bag in an upright configuration.

9. The bulk bag according to claim 8 further including a frame having a plurality of legs depending therefrom which are equal in number to the number of pockets comprising the bulk bag, and wherein the bulk bag
5 further comprises additional pockets for receiving the legs of the frame whereby the frame retains the bulk bag in an open configuration during filling.